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(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – U.S. Congressman Jason Altmire (PA-04) today announced that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Plan (H.R. 1) could deliver more than \$60 million to school districts serving children in his Congressional district if it is signed into law. As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, Altmire has been a strong advocate of improving funding for America's schools.

“This increase in federal funding would help to ensure that, despite this recession, our schools will have the resources they need to provide every Pennsylvania child with a first-rate education,” Altmire said. “Economists across the political spectrum agree that investing in improving our public schools is one of the best actions we can take to strengthen America’s economy and lay the groundwork for long-term economic growth.”

Schools will receive increased funding primarily through current education programs. Specifically, Title 1 and IDEA funds will be increased to help low-income students and students with disabilities. Additionally, funding will be provided to help schools repair, renovate, and modernize their facilities over the next two years. This will create new construction jobs for local workers and provide technologically-updated, 21st century classrooms for local students.

The economic recovery package supported by Congressman Altmire will also cut taxes for 95 percent of working Americans and create millions of jobs by providing increased funding for infrastructure improvements, renewable energy initiatives and other projects important to America's long-term growth.

To see a list of school districts which could receive funding over the next two years, please click [here](#) .